

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method of assisting delivery of useful services  
that contribute to improvement of people's standard of  
10 living. The method starts with providing, via a network,  
information about paid services to a customer who has  
signed up for membership with payment of a predetermined  
fee. A purchase order for one of the paid services is  
received from the terminal of the customer which is  
15 connected to the service delivery support system via the  
network. The customer's creditworthiness is evaluated,  
based on the amount of the predetermined fee that has been  
paid by the customer, thus determining how much on-behalf  
payment can be offered to the customer in payment for the  
20 paid service that the customer has ordered. The customer  
is notified of the determined amount of on-behalf payment.